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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Export Expansion and Regulation Act
of 1969, S. 1940

REFERENCE: OLC Request for Views on Subject Bill,
dated 14 May 1969

1. Passage of the proposed bill S. 1940 would have little effect on the activities of this Office. OSI currently devotes not more than about one-half man year in support of those agencies concerned with export control matters. The amount of analysts' time and accompanying effort would be cut back substantially if the controlled items subject to export control were reduced as indicated in the proposed bill. On the other hand, if we were tasked to provide evidence concerning the availability of "similar" goods or technology from other sources, the amount of time and effort expended probably would remain as at present.

2. The OSI role in support of the export control programs has consisted largely of supporting the Office of Economic Research in carrying out its responsibility for intelligence support to the Departments of Commerce and State. We have provided factual information and judgments concerning the use and significance of scientific and technical instruments and equipment and industrial materials. From time to time we are requested to furnish technical information on the design, availability, and performance of Soviet Bloc S&T instruments and

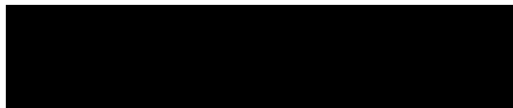
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equipment and Soviet capabilities for producing materials and components of industrial and military importance. Recently, we have provided considerable support in such substantive areas as computers and related technology, electronic and communications equipment, optical and geophysical instruments, rare metals and materials, and others.



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